

An ACT for Raising and Issuing Money for Maintaining his Majesty's Forces to be Raised in this Province, and for Transporting them to the Place of Rendezvous in the *West-Indies*.

WHEREAS our Sovereign Lord the King, by repeated Pro-^{Preamble.}vocations, has been induced to declare War against *Spain*, in order as well to vindicate the Honour of his Imperial Crown, as to Revenge the Injuries done to his Subjects, to assert their undoubted Rights of Commerce and Navigation, and by all Means to Distress and Annoy a Nation that has Treated the People of *Great Britain* with so much Insolence and Barbarity; and therefore has been graciously pleased to give Orders for Equipping and setting forth an Expedition against the Territories of the Catholick King in the *West-Indies*, which is to consist of a large Squadron of Ships of War, and a considerable number of Land Forces, with a suitable Train of Artillery, Store Ships and Transports.

And whereas his Majesty by his Instructions to his Excellency the Governor of this Province, bearing Date at *St. James's* the Second Day of *April* last, has thought fit to signify, that he has determined to raise a Body of Troops in the Colonies on the Continent of *North America*, to join those to be sent from *Great Britain* at a particular Rendezvous to be appointed for that Purpose, and to Act in Conjunction with them under the Command of the Right Honourable *Charles Lord Cathcart*, General and Commander in Chief of the said Expedition; and that he Trusts and Expects, that the Assembly of *Maryland* will provide Victuals, Transports, and all other Necessaries for the Troops to be raised in this Province, except Cloaths, Tents, Arms, Ammunition and Pay, 'till they arrive at the General Rendezvous in the *West-Indies*.

And whereas this General Assembly, at a Session of Assembly held in the Month of *April* last, did, by an Act then made, Give and Grant an Encouragement or Bounty of *Five Pounds* Current Money, besides other Privileges and Immunities, to every Person, not exceeding the Number of *Five Hundred*, who should voluntarily Inlist as Soldiers in his Majesty's Service for the aforesaid Expedition, which said Number is the most that can be reasonably presumed to be Raised or Inlisted in this Province.

We therefore his Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects the Delegates of the Freemen of the same Province in General Assembly Convened, dutifully to comply with his Majesty's Expectations express'd in the aforesaid Instructions, and to Contribute, as far as the Circumstances of this Colony can allow, to the Success of his Majesty's Arms, and the further promoting the Levies and Expedition aforesaid, against our Common Enemy, and Raising and Granting a Sum of Money, in the whole not exceeding *Ten Pounds* for each Person, for the Maintenance and Transportation of the aforesaid Number of *Five Hundred* Men, or so many of them as shall Inlist as aforesaid, for and during the space of *Four Months*, humbly Pray that it may be Enacted,

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